North and North-Western bound trains were cancelled and some other trains services were cut short.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the estimated loss suffered by railways due to the cancellation or cutting short of these train services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Six pairs of inter-railways express trains, three pairs of express trains running on the Northern Railway, and nine pairs of passenger trains were fully or partially cancelled from 10-1-1986 due to operational requirements.

(c) Train-wise statistics of earnings are not maintained.

Buying of cars by Shipping Corporation of India

2101. **PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shipping Corporation of India has purchased a number of cars during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken to examine the need or otherwise for going in for such purchases by Shipping Corporation of India; and

(d) what steps are being taken to **prevent this wasteful expenditure?**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): **(a) and (b) In 1983, Shipping** Corporation of India Ltd, booked **for 55 Maruti cars of which 18 have been received. SCI has booked for** another 41 Maruti cars recently.

(c) and (d) The cars being acquired by SCI are in replacement of the **existing old cars for which maintenance cost is very high.**

Outmoded buses run by D. T. C.

2102. **DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will** the Minister of **SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that several outmoded old and dilapidated buses are run by Delhi Transport Corporation on their inter-state. Bus routes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these buses are manned by rude and insolent conductors and drivers;

(c) whether Government have **received complaints of rude behaviour** of conductors and drivers; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and how many conductors **and bus drivers on these inter-State bus routes have been punished or any other Departmental action taken against them?**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN **THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE** TRANSPORT (SHRI **RAJESH PILOT): (a) The details of the** model wise vehicle deployed on Inter-State routes are given below:—

Model	No. of buses
1982	69
1983	17
1984	108
1985	2
1986	6

(b) to (d) Some complaints have been received against drivers/conductors during the last seven months. includes stoppage of increment of one employee and issuance of warning in five cases.

Incentive for adopting Small Family Norms

2103. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Family Planning Programme has not made any appreciable headway in our country, and the population graph continues to show an upswing;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Chinese have in recent years achieved phenomenal success in curbing their population as a result of the incentives and rewards announced for its citizens of the reproductive age group; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to adopt a similar strategy to check the population explosion in this country also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Under the National Family Welfare Programme, 35 per cent of the eligible couples were protected against conception and an estimated 76 million birth averted till 31st March, 1986. As per the Sample Registration System estimates, the national growth rate of population has started showing a decline since 1982.

(b) The Family Planning Programme in China is being implemented with long term goal of achieving zero population growth by 2000 AD with a population size below 1.2 billion. To meet this objective, the One-Child policy is reportedly being implemented by ideological education (persuation) supplemented by economic and administrative incentives for One-Child families.

(c) The National Family Welfare programme is being implemented with the goal of achieving Net Reproduction Rate of Unity by the year 2000 AD. and it is being promoted on a purely voluntary basis in consonance with the democratic traditions of the country. It seeks to promote responsible and planned parenthood through education and motivation with Two-Child norm-male, female or both, through independent choice of Family Planning method best suited to the accepters.

Creation of All India Universities and Colleges Recruitment Board

2104. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there exists a lot of inbreeding in the matter of recruitment and promotion of staff in Universities all over the country:

(b) if so, what are the measures being adopted to make merit the sole criterion and to curb the evil of regional, casteist and religious bias in at least the Central Universities; and

(c) whether Government have considered, for the purpose of maintenance of uniformity of educational standards and a spirit of national integration, the establishment of an All India Educational Service and an All India Universities and Colleges Recruitment Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) No studies have been conducted to assess the extent of inbreeding in recruitment and promotion in all the universities in the country. However in the case of the Central Universities, a Committee appointed by the UGC